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MISSION: Encourage spiritual growth and nurture God's children to take care of self, community, and the world through Christian Education, Radical Hospitality, Authentic Praise and Worship, and Service.

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## Use What You Have With God

#### Exodus 4:10-12

"10 But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I,



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III

the Lord? <sup>12</sup> Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."

In a world of ultimate possibilities created by a God that is beyond our understanding, we attempt to try to define this world by our limited understanding of the world and the universe. We must learn to trust God with what we have and be obedient to his command.

Moses knew he had a speech problem, yet God selected him to be the spokesman for Children of Israel before the Egyptian leaders. God had to remind Moses that it was God who created man and it was God who makes the deaf to hear, the blind to see, and it will be God who makes Moses mouth to say what needs to be said.

What God is looking for is a willing heart. Will you give your heart to God? Will you walk for God? Will you talk for God? Will you be a vessel for God? If you say "NO", then this is end of the conversation. If you say "YES", prepare yourself for an ultimate experience.

Note that one thing is true in this discourse. Moses is talking to God to get his instructions. Don't make up your instructions but pray and listen to God. Read God's word to hear what the inspired words in the Holy Bible have to say about humanities walk on this earth. Take what you have, step out, trust God, and watch God change things.

#### Virtual Worship on

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#### **COVID-19 is Still Here**

- Stay safe
- Social Distance
- Wear your mask
- Follow CDC guidance
- Avoid large crowds
- Wash your hands
- Protect your loved
  ones
- Get vaccinated

## Don't Wait Too Late: Plan Now

Kenneth Kelly, the Chairman and CEO of the First Independence Bank, Detroit, Michigan, wrote <u>Prepared</u> <u>Before I let Go: Preserving</u> <u>Your Possessions through</u> <u>Property Planning</u>, an easy to read book talking about preparing assets for life after life. All people are born and all people will die. (Ecclesiastes 3). We can't choose either season but we can plan for the latter season. How do you want your assets and wishes to be handled? Whatever you have is worth planning? Don't wait too late. Plan now. Order on Amazon..com.





## Student Scholarships Available

2022/23 application period is now open for DOC theological student scholarships. Application deadline is March 15. https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/clergy/s cholarships/scholarship-guidelines/



For Brochure:

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#### JUST LET US KNOW -

- If you need pastoral care
- If you need prayer
- If you need someone to talk to
- If you wish to be married
- If you have loved ones experiencing death
- If you are faced with any life situation

## **Become a Member**

Becoming a member is easy. All you need to do is take the step of faith and become a part of this fellowship. Our members are located all over the world. You can be a part of this transforming ministry by simply letting one of our leaders know that you desire to be a part. We can make the necessary arrangements with you in necessary.

- You may join by one of three (3) ways: Baptism, Letter, or Watch Care.
- Baptism—If you never have been baptized
- Letter If you are moving membership from another church.
- Watch Care—Keep your current membership, but affiliate under care while you are in

## News from the Disciples of Christ

Bible Study each week on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Send request for URL link to Fountainofhopeatl@gmail.com

Disciples Home Missions is seeking a new President. Www.discipleshomemission.org

**2022 It's Real** July 20-23, 2022 Ft Worth, TX National Convocation

Visions of Wholeness: Systemic Racism, Antiracism, and "Reconciliation" in Our Shared History and Tradition will be held March 18-19, 2022, at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma

## **Theological Institutions**

Seven Disciples theological institutions educate ministers for thousands of Disciples congregations as well as for other denominations. Located in large metropolitan areas, these schools serve as theological, spiritual, and intellectual centers. Learn more about these institutions in Learn more about these institutions from HELM<sup>[2]</sup>. These institutions receive denominational support through Disciples Mission Fund<sup>[2]</sup> and the Thanksgiving Special Day Offering<sup>[2]</sup>.

- Brite Divinity School <sup>ば</sup>
- Christian Theological Seminary 🗹
- Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago <sup>™</sup>
- Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University <sup>[2]</sup>
- Disciples Seminary Foundation <sup>™</sup>
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For other Disciples' schools and education opportunities see:

#### https://disciples.org/highereducation/





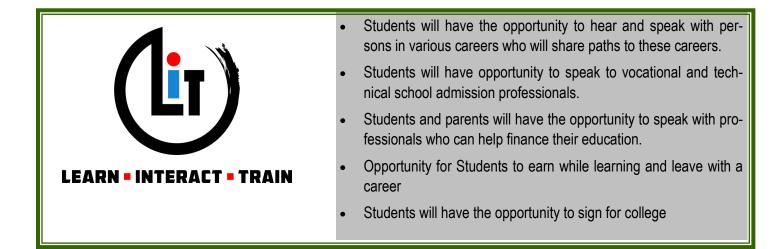


# Mission of Hope

We are enhancing and creating partnerships to improve the delivery of youth ministry in the Metro Atlanta Area. In this new program, we would like to bring together the best and most hopeful young people across the Metro Atlanta region to provide meaningful opportunities to each of them. Does this mean that we are seeking students with the highest GPA's? Absolutely not! We are seeking students who have a desire to improve their condition and to be all that God has created them to be. In this program, we would like to help assist youth leaders, teachers, mentors, and other in providing programs such as the following:

College Tours • African Heritage Tours • Leadership Development Experiences • Career Development

**OBJECTIVE:** Provide hope enriching opportunities for the development of youth as future citizens, leaders, and support the development of meaningful personal goals.



## Eco-Justice Gathering 2022

Monday, Jun 27, 2022 5:00 PM - Friday, Jul 1, 2022 11:00 AM EDT

Fostering Resilient Hearts & Communities June 27-July 1, 2022

This intergenerational gathering in the Blue Ridge Mountains will be rooted in rhythms of rest, expansive cooperation, and beholding each other in the midst of daily awakening to climate change.

Equal parts resting with God and visioning for community resilience, we are taking a year to step in, breathe, and acknowledge the profound emotional, physical, and psychological effects of the ongoing climate crisis. Many of us are burned out, and heartbroken.

How do we move forward, together, celebrating what our faith communities and networks have accomplished, while also knowing we need imagination and energy for all that there still is to do?

The pricing for the event is based on a Sliding Scale - so you have options! Pay what you can and / or what best fits your particular budget. Individuals staying overnight can choose pricing from \$325-\$425 per person; and commuters (no overnight lodging) can choose pricing from \$125-\$225 per person.

Questions? Contact Rob at 828-669-8977 or rob@christmount.org

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Sliding Scale Option 1 - \$325 per person	\$325.00	hfire.com/events/527061
Sliding Scale Option 2 - \$375 per person	\$375.00	
Sliding Scale Option 3 - \$425 per person	\$425.00	
Commuter Rate Option 1 - \$125 per person	\$125.00	
Commuter Rate Option 2 - \$175 per person	\$175.00	
Commuter Rate Option 3 - \$225 per person	\$225.00	

#### June 27-July 1, 2022

Christmount Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC in collaboration with Green Chalice, this intergenerational (youth in grades 7-12 and adults) gathering in the Blue Ridge Mountains will be rooted in rhythms of rest, expansive cooperation, and beholding each other in the midst of daily awakening to climate change.

You or your group can register here. <u>https://christmount.brushfire.com/events/527061</u> Contact us for more info at 828.669.8977



## Fountain of Hope Christian Church *Virtual* Bible Study - Join Us

## Request the URL to JOIN at Fountainofhopeatl@gmail.com

## Bible Study -1st Quarter 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<b>Devotional</b>	<b>Background</b>
1/5/2021	Injustice and Hope	Genesis 21:8-21	Genesis 21:8-21
1/12/2021	Justice and Fairness	Exodus 23	Exodus 23
1/19/2021	Justice, Judges, and Priests	Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 17:8-13	Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 17:8-13: 19:15-21
1/26/2021	Justice and the Marginalized	Deuteronomy 24:10-21	Deuteronomy 24:10-21
2/2/2021	Nathan Condemns David	2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13-15	2 Samuel 12
2/9/2021	Ezra and the Law	Ezra 7:1-10, 23- 26	Ezra 7:1-26
2/16/2021	Bildad Mispeaks: Gods Justice	Job 8:1-10, 20-22	Job 8
2/23/2021	Job and the Just God	Job 42:1-11	Job 42
3/2/2021	Freed From Captivity	Ezra 1:1-18; 2:64- 70	Ezra 1; 2:64-70
3/9/2021	Free To Worship	Ezra 6:1-12	Ezra 5; 6:1-12
3/16/2021	Free To Celebrate	Ezra 6:13-22	Ezra 6:13-22; Leviticus 23:4-8
3/23/2021	Free Because of the Lord	Deuteronomy 8:1-11	Deuteronomy 8
3/30/2021	Triumphal Entry of the King	Matthew 21:1-11	Matthew 20:25- 28; 21:1-11



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